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Department of Public Works Newsletter

Spring 2017



Director's Message

Spring greetings, City of Waukesha

We are looking forward to the many exciting projects ahead in 2017, some of which are already under-way!

In this newsletter, you will find information regarding the **list of 2017 projects** along with a **link** to the spot on our website where you can keep up with construction updates.

On **Page 7**, be sure to see the **brush/branch pickup** information set for the week of May 1st!

Additionally, we have interesting information about the **39 sanitary pump stations** in the city, the start of the **sidewalk inspection program**, and what items should **NEVER be flushed**.

As always, thank you for reading our newsletter and we wish you the best this year!

Dr. Fred Abadi, PhD, P.E.

"Yes" You Can Still Put (Limited) BULKY Items Out for Pickup on Garbage Day!

Most households in the City of Waukesha now have automated garbage and recycling pickup. For this service, all garbage bags (and other small garbage items) and all loose recyclables **must** be in the trash or recycling cart so they can be tipped into the trucks.

However, there is still an option for limited bulky item pickup at eligible households as well!

What is a bulky item? A bulky item is considered a trash item that is **literally too big to fit in the garbage cart, even if the cart were empty**. There is no "bulky recycling item" option, unfortunately.

Great examples of bulky items are: mattresses and box springs, chairs, sofas, dressers, and other furniture pieces. (TVS AND ELECTRONICS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE—SEE PAGE 5.)

The allowance is up to **three eligible bulky items** may be set out (maximum of 6 total items per month). This service is meant for **once-in-a-while bulky items** you may have to discard—not a weekly set out of bulky items.

Residents may simply set those items on the terrace (ground) next to their garbage carts for pickup on garbage day. Please do not set items out too early—set out the night before your pickup day at the earliest.

Most items do NOT need to be called in, unless they are especially heavy or awkward or if they are an appliance or a tire. For those call ins, residents should contact Advanced Disposal Customer Service at **262-367-6040** to learn if the item can be picked up or receive set out instructions.

Important note: this is a **BETTER** option than bringing these items to the city Drop-Off Center on Sentry Dr. The city would **PREFER** you take advantage of the curbside pickup for basic furniture pieces instead of bringing them to the Drop-Off Center.

For a more detailed list of eligible bulky items and set-out guidelines, see the **Garbage and Recycling Regulations** online at waukesha-wi.gov/784/Recycling-and-Solid-Waste or call the city engineering office at 262-524-3600.



All garbage bags **MUST** be in cart.



A bulky item on ground is **OK** once in a while.

City Brush/Branch Pickup

Week of May 1st, 2017

See Page 7 for details!

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2017 Road Reconstruction, Utility, and Resurfacing Projects*



PROJECT	SCOPE	START
N Grand Ave. and South St. (Downtown Waukesha)	Utility, roadway, sidewalk, and street parking improvements	February
Northview Rd. and N Grandview Blvd.	Intersection utility, road, and traffic improvements	April
NW Barstow St.	Utility and road improvements	April
Arcadian Ave.	Utility and road improvements	April/May
Butler Dr., Greenway Terrace, Oscar St., Jefferson Ave.	Utility improvements	May
Meadowbrook Rd.	Utility and road improvements	May
Alleys -#61 and #106 #61 is Laflin to Newhall #106 is Dunbar Ave. to Prospect Ct.	Paving and resurfacing	May
Patricia Ln., Madison St., Greenway Terrace, and more	Resurfacing	June
Caroline St. and E Broadway	Utility improvements	June/August



S Grand Ave. - March 2016



E Sunset Dr. - March 2016

Additional City Projects*

In addition to the road and utility reconstruction and resurfacing projects, the Engineering Department in Public Works also facilitates multiple other city projects in coordination with other departments. For **2017**, these projects include:

- 1) A **new Fire Station #3 and Police Substation** (to be located on Hwy 59)
- 2) A **replacement of the roof for the city garage** (located at 300 Sentry Dr.)
- 3) Work on the **parking ramps** (both the Transit Center and South St. ramps)
- 4) Resurfacing of **Park n Rec tennis courts** (located at Prairie and Banting Parks)
- 5) **Historical lighting upgrades** (along Corinna St. and Buckley Rd.)



Artist rendering of new Fire Station #3/Police substation

And more! For a complete list and project updates, visit: waukesha-wi.gov/1136/Current-Construction-Projects

***All projects subject to change**

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DOWNTOWN WAUKESHA

Fun Survey Request!

The City of Waukesha wants to know your ideas regarding the **Downtown Waukesha** experience!

Please visit the [City of Waukesha home page](http://www.waukesha-wi.gov) and scroll down to the **NEWS FLASH** section to find the survey link!

www.waukesha-wi.gov

Potholes Season

In the spring time in Wisconsin potholes are the norm. The cyclical freezing and thawing process from the winter leads to potholes in pavement.

City crews are already out and about filling potholes this spring.



To report a pothole, residents should visit the **Citizen Request Portal** on the City of Waukesha website.

Visit waukesha-wi.gov and click on the “[Report a Concern](#)” icon.

Scroll down to the list of issues and click on “[Pothole/Pavement Defect](#)”. This will bring you to the correct service request page.

On that page, submit your name and email address and pick from the drop down menus “[Public Works](#)” and “[Pothole/Pavement Defect](#)”.

Thanks in advance for reporting those potholes!

Property Owners—Your Sidewalk May Need Repair!

Every year, the city inspects public sidewalks for damage and safety issues. The process takes months to inspect the entire sidewalk system and identify the most dangerous spots for pedestrian traffic.

If a portion of sidewalk is deemed condemned based on breakage and as a potential trip hazard, spray paint markings will indicate the spot for repair.

Per city ordinance, **the owner of the property adjacent to the sidewalk is responsible for the cost of repairs when the damage is due to weathering and aging.**

Property owners will receive a notification by mail if their sidewalk is condemned with instructions and options regarding their responsibility for repair.

The city has a paving contractor available to do the repairs at the owners’ expense, but property owners do have the option to seek their own contractor, who must be bonded with the city and take out the correct permits.

Sidewalk safety is a priority for the city and we appreciate owners’ understanding and cooperation to keep the walkways safe for all users.



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All About the Sanitary Pump Stations

The City of Waukesha currently covers **25.72 square miles** of varied geographical features. All of the hills, the quarry, the Fox River and wetlands are part of what makes Waukesha beautiful.

The topography also creates many challenges to the Public Works department for certain city services to perform at optimum levels of efficiency and reliability.

Among these is the **sanitary waste system**. From your household—or any building in the city—when the toilet flushes, the wastewater needs to get to the **Clean Water Plant for treatment**. In an ideal world, the treatment plant would be at the exact lowest part of the city and gravity would be used to flow the wastewater through pipes to the treatment plant downhill. But, in a city like Waukesha, often times the wastewater needs to be forcefully pumped to get it to the treatment plant from parts of the city set at a lower elevation.

Thus comes the need for **sanitary pump stations**. The **city operates 39** pump stations mixed in throughout various parts of the city. These pump stations serve as a temporary first stop for the wastewater until it can be pumped to the treatment plant.

Each pump station has a **well/reservoir** which collects the wastewater as deep as 40 feet below the ground. Pumps bring the wastewater up from the reservoirs to be sent through a force main. This force main then brings the wastewater to a higher point where it can again use gravity to flow to the treatment plant.

The pump stations are **constantly maintained and occasionally upgraded** throughout the city. These upgrades are included as part of the annual budget for public works projects. Each pump station's equipment is expected to work optimally for approximately 20 years before needing major repair or parts replacements.

Every pump station also has **radio signal communication** to the Clean Water Plant. Operators at the plant can monitor the pump station systems for how often the pumps are running, how full the reservoir is, if there are power outages or any other mechanical issues needing attention. Pump stations also have back-up generators or outlets for portable generator hookup.

For more information on the sanitary wastewater treatment system, visit waukesha-wi.gov/425/Clean-Water-Plant.



Lake Michigan Water Discharge Planning

In anticipation of the upcoming acquisition of Lake Michigan Water in the City of Waukesha, the Clean Water Plant is working with the Water Utility to strategize methods of chloride reduction in our discharged water.

Residents can do their part by cutting back on softener salt (schedule a tune up with a local dealer!).

Look for more information soon or visit waukesha-wi.gov/425/Clean-Water-Plant



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TV and Electronics Recycling

Since 2010, TVs and some other electronics (including computers) have been **banned from Wisconsin landfills by state law**. Like other landfill bans on basic recyclables, yard materials, and hazardous materials, this is a good law!

The law prevents TVs and other electronics with recyclable content from being **wasted in the trash**. Also, it reduces the sheer volume of weight and space which would be taken up in landfills by these items. Indeed—the **city pays per pound for garbage thrown away**, so the less trash we make the better for city tax dollars (and the environment).



The tricky part about TVs and electronics recycling is that they have to be sent to an appropriate recycling facility. This is **NOT** the same facility that handles basic household recyclables like bottles, cans, cardboard, paper, etc. This means that electronics **CANNOT** be placed into your home recycling bin.

The other unfortunate part about TV and electronics recycling is that there are some **hazardous components** contained within the electronics which need to be handled and discarded specially. This includes lead-coated glass for old cathode ray tubes (tube TVs and computer monitors) and mercury content in newer flat screen TVs.

Because of these hazardous materials, there is **currently a cost** to the recycling process and therefore a **charge for items**.

There are several options locally to properly turn in TVs and electronics for recycling. In the City of Waukesha and many other nearby communities, we host occasional drop off events when residents can bring their items.

In 2017, the dates for the two TV / Electronics collection events in the City of Waukesha will be:

Saturday, June 3rd from 9 a.m.—Noon

Saturday, November 4th from 9 am.—Noon

Location—City Drop-Off Center, but vehicles must enter at 600 Sentry Dr.

NOTE: ALL TVs have disposal cost of \$25/TV and CRT computer monitors have a cost of \$10/monitor.

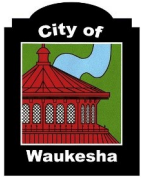
For more options including other community events, visit waukeshacounty.gov/recycling.

The experts say these are the Top 5 things to **NEVER** flush down the toilet!

- 1) Synthetic single use wipes—even if marked 'flushable'
- 2) Paper towels or napkins
- 3) Latex gloves, undergarments, cotton swabs or other trash
- 4) Fats, oils, grease
- 5) Dental floss



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Guide to Ride the Waukesha City Bus

Riding the Metro Transit bus in Waukesha can be efficient, economical, and fun! Never rode before? Here are the basic steps to understanding how to get on board and ride:

1) Go to the Bus Stop

Each bus is marked with a number, route name or destination you wish to board. New bus stop signs are marked by a route number and name that corresponds with the bus route that serve each stop.

2) Getting on Board

As the bus approaches, look for the number and/or route or destination on the front of the bus to see if it is the one you need. If you're unsure, ask the driver!

3) Paying the Fare

A fare box is located as you step onto the bus, next to the driver. The fare box takes cash, 10 ride cards, or bus passes. If you overpay, you will receive a Fare Value Card credit good for use on a future ride.

4) Take a Seat

We ask that you keep the seats at the front of the bus open for seniors and disabled individuals. Also, we recommend sitting instead of standing.

5) Enjoying the Ride

There is no eating or drinking permitted on the bus. Please use a headset if you listen to music and please keep the aisle clear so everyone can move around easily without tripping.

6) Getting Off the Bus

About a block from your stop, pull the cord on the wall above your seat to signal the driver. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and depart from the door that is nearest to you.

7) Transferring Buses

Ask the bus driver for a transfer after you pay your fare. The transfer will be good for 90 minutes from the time issued. Simply swipe the transfer through the reader on the top corner of the fare box.

For more information and fares, visit waukeshametro.org



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Brush and Branches Pickup 2017

The Department of Public Works will conduct its **2017 brush and branch pickup service** the first week of May (**May 1st through May 5th**).

The pickup will occur on your normal garbage service day, Monday through Friday.

Residents should follow these rules in regard to the brush/branch pickup service:

- 1) Residents may begin setting out their piles on the terrace **April 24th**.
- 2) Residents must have their brush/branches out by **7 a.m.** on the day of pickup.
- 3) Brush/branches **must be on the terrace (the grass area between the sidewalk and curb)**. Do NOT place material in the street and do NOT block the sidewalk.
- 4) Brush/branches should be set with the **butt ends at the curb** (unless the length of the branches blocks the sidewalk—then they need to be set the long way along the curb.)
- 5) Brush/branches can be up to **3 inches in diameter and 6 feet long**.
- 6) Small twigs and other yard waste, including leaves, will **not be collected**.
- 7) **ONLY** brush/branches should be set out. Absolutely NO other objects should be mixed in—including NO trash, rocks, dirt, ropes, bungee cords, or any other object besides brush or branches.
- 8) Branches/brush should **NOT be tied, bagged, or bundled together**. Keep as loose piles set on the ground.



DROP-OFF CENTER:

Residents may also bring their brush/branches to the City Drop-Off Center (750 Sentry Dr.) for no charge during open public hours that week (Wednesday, May 3rd 11 a.m.—7 p.m. and Saturday, May 6th 8 a.m.—4 p.m.).

DPW Frequently Asked Questions!

Q: How do I access the South Street Parking Ramp during the current downtown construction project?

A: During the 2017 spring/summer downtown reconstruction project on N Grand Ave. and South St., access to the South Street parking ramp is **NORMAL**, not affected. Entry is available either from Wisconsin Ave. or South St. and the only exit remains onto South St. Please be prepared to pay by credit card upon exit of the parking ramp.

Q: How much does it cost for a surface lot monthly parking permit?

A: Surface lot permits are \$25 per calendar month. Permits are valid in Lots No: 3,4,5,8,11,and 12. And only in restricted areas in Lots No: 1 and 6.

Q: What is the website for the municipal parking information? waukesha-wi.gov/439/Municipal-Parking

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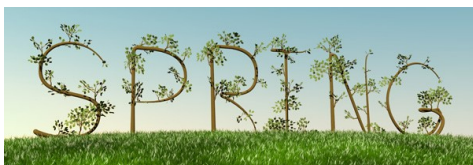
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